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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

Waymo LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
Uber Technologies, Inc.; Ottomotto LLC; Otto
Trucking LLC,
Defendants.

Case No. 3:17-cv-00939-WHA
**OTTO TRUCKING LLC'S NOTICE OF
MOTION AND MOTION FOR A
SEPARATE TRIAL**

Date: October 3, 2017
Time: 8:00 a.m.
Courtroom: 8 – 9th Floor
Judge: Hon. William Alsup

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1 **NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR A SEPARATE TRIAL**

2 TO THE COURT, THE PARTIES, AND ALL ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

3 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 3, 2017, at 8:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as
 4 the matter may be heard, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California,
 5 San Francisco Courthouse, located at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA, in Courtroom
 6 8 before the Honorable William Alsup, Defendant Otto Trucking LLC (“Otto Trucking”) will
 7 move and hereby does move for a separate trial from Defendants Uber Technologies, Inc. and
 8 Ottomotto LLC (together “Uber”). In the alternative, Otto Trucking requests that the Court
 9 conduct an evidentiary hearing regarding the nature of Otto Trucking’s business in view of
 10 Plaintiff Waymo LLC’s theories of liability.

11 Otto Trucking has requested a separate trial in the Joint Proposed Pretrial Order (Dkt. No.
 12 1725, at 12) and hereby moves for a separate trial from Uber on the grounds that resolution of
 13 Plaintiff’s claims against Otto Trucking involves distinct witnesses, issues, damages (or lack
 14 thereof) and defenses from Uber. Just recently, Waymo confirmed that its theories of liability and
 15 damages as to Otto Trucking are distinct from its theories of liability and damages as to
 16 defendants Uber Technologies, Inc. and Ottomotto LLC. Currently, Waymo’s only theory as to
 17 liability is that Otto Trucking obtained Waymo’s purported trade secrets through acquisition by
 18 Anthony Levandowski after it was formed, not through their use by Uber. Waymo has also
 19 presented no damages theory or evidence against Otto Trucking, so any trial for Otto Trucking
 20 should be before the Court, not a jury. A separate trial for Uber and Otto Trucking would promote
 21 the interest of judicial economy because determination of whether Waymo’s purported trade
 22 secrets are protectable, and whether those trade secrets were misappropriated at all could prove
 23 wholly dispositive, obviating a need for a trial of Waymo’s claims against Otto Trucking. Further,
 24 the complexity of the issues involved in the case against Uber increase the risk of jury confusion
 25 and, in turn, prejudice to Otto Trucking. The Court should therefore exercise its broad discretion
 26 and order a separate trial as to Waymo’s claims against Otto Trucking. Otto Trucking believes its
 27 case should follow the case against Uber.

28 Otto Trucking’s motion is based on this Notice of Motion and Motion; the accompanying

1 Memorandum of Points and Authorities; the concurrently filed Declaration of Neel Chatterjee, and
2 all exhibits attached thereto; all documents in the Court's file, any matters of which this Court may
3 take judicial notice; and on such other written and oral argument as may be presented to the Court.

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

After months of blurring the lines between Uber and Otto Trucking to keep Otto Trucking in this case, at the September 20, 2017 hearing on defendants' motion for summary judgment, Waymo finally confirmed that its only theory of liability against Otto Trucking has nothing to do with Uber. Instead, all that remains of Waymo's claim against Otto Trucking is whether liability can be imputed to Otto Trucking based on the actions of Anthony Levandowski after the formation of Otto Trucking. As a result, Otto Trucking requested a separate trial in the parties' Joint Proposed Pretrial Order (Dkt. No. 1725, at 12) and hereby submits this motion and memorandum of points and authorities in support of its request. Waymo has also presented no damages theory or evidence as to Otto Trucking, which means that any claims against Otto Trucking should be tried to the bench, not to a jury.

Waymo has no evidence that Otto Trucking has ever used the Uber LiDAR systems, Spider and Fuji, that allegedly contain Waymo's alleged trade secrets, and nor can it adduce any. Although Waymo has previously argued that Otto Trucking should be held jointly and severally liable because Uber has an option to acquire it in the future, Waymo has dropped this legally unsupported position as the only basis for indirect liability against Otto Trucking. Now, the only basis for liability Waymo identified in the Pretrial Order is through Anthony Levandowski, and not Uber.¹ See Dkt. No. 1725. Indeed, Waymo's own damages expert testified [REDACTED]

Declaration of Neel Chatterjee in Support of Defendant Otto
Trucking LLC’s Motion for a Separate Trial (“Chatterjee Decl.”) Ex. 1 (Deposition Transcript of
Michael J. Wagner), at 127:12–142:7.

As the Court summarized, the only theory of liability as to Otto Trucking is a theory of acquisition based on whether Mr. Levandowski was acting on behalf of Otto Trucking at the time that he accessed certain files identified in Exhibit 16 of the Stroz report after Otto Trucking was

¹ Waymo has also stated for the first time in the Pretrial Order that Otto Trucking should be held vicariously liable through O'Melveny & Myers LLP, Otto Trucking's transactional counsel.

1 formed. *See* Chatterjee Decl. Ex. 2 (September 20, 2017 Hearing Transcript), at 63:8–64:20. To
 2 date, none of these alleged accesses have been tied to the nine trade secrets set for trial. This
 3 discrete issue is separate and distinct from any theory of liability relating to Uber, and as the Court
 4 has also acknowledged, “trucks ha[ve] almost nothing to do with this case.” *See* Chatterjee Decl.
 5 Ex. 2 (September 20, 2017 Hearing Transcript), at 63:15. But these narrow issues as to Otto
 6 Trucking have been lost among the numerous legal issues and allegations that Waymo has alleged
 7 against Uber.

8 Accordingly, Otto Trucking requests that the Court order that the claims against Otto
 9 Trucking be tried separately on the current case schedule to promote efficiency, eliminate the
 10 issues as to Otto Trucking that will simplify proceedings as to Uber, reduce juror confusion, and
 11 avoid prejudice to Otto Trucking. In the alternative, Otto Trucking requests that the Court hold an
 12 evidentiary hearing regarding the nature of Otto Trucking’s business, and whether Mr.
 13 Levandowski could have been acting on behalf of Otto Trucking according to Waymo’s current
 14 theory.

15 **II. OTTO TRUCKING’S ISSUES, DEFENSES, DAMAGES, AND WITNESSES ARE**
 16 **DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF UBER**

17 **A. Waymo Has No Theory of Misappropriation by Use Against Otto Trucking.**

18 Waymo’s theory of trade secret misappropriation by use cannot be maintained against Otto
 19 Trucking. Waymo has made clear that its claim for misappropriation based on use rests on
 20 whether Uber’s LiDAR systems, Fuji and Spider, contain any of Waymo’s alleged trade secrets.
 21 *See* Chatterjee Decl. Ex. 3 (Plaintiff Waymo’s Supplemental Objections and Responses to Otto
 22 Trucking, LLC’s Interrogatory Nos. 1-9), at 134–46. This theory of liability is inapplicable as to
 23 Otto Trucking, as Waymo has admitted that it has no evidence that Otto Trucking has ever used
 24 either Spider or Fuji. *See* Chatterjee Decl. Ex. 2 (September 20, 2017 Hearing Transcript), at
 25 56:7–57:21 (Counsel for Waymo not refuting Otto Trucking’s arguments regarding no evidence of
 26 use and shifting the Court’s attention only to acquisition).

27 Waymo can present no evidence that Otto Trucking used its alleged trade secrets, at least
 28 because it has no evidence that Otto Trucking ever used Uber’s Spider or Fuji LiDAR. As

1 explained to Waymo many times, Otto Trucking is a limited liability company that has no
 2 employees or operations. Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment at 17, Dkt. No. 1423. It
 3 leased for a period of time some trucks owned by Uber and merely owns a subsidiary, Otto
 4 Transport, that owns three Volvo VNL670 trucks and one Peterbilt truck. *Id.* None of these
 5 trucks have ever used Spider or Fuji. *Id.* Any LiDAR systems ever used on any trucks leased or
 6 owned by Otto Trucking were off-the-shelf products developed by a third-party, Velodyne. *Id.*
 7 Waymo inspected the Otto Trucking trucks and has not found any evidence to the contrary.

8 **B. Waymo's Only Theory of Liability as to Otto Trucking is Based on Mr.
 Levandowski's Alleged Acquisition of the Purported Trade Secrets.**

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 10 The remaining issues as to Otto Trucking have nothing to do with the allegations and legal
 theories advanced against Uber. Waymo's only remaining theory of liability against Otto
 Trucking is unique to Otto Trucking and separate from Waymo's theories of liability against Uber
 and Ottomotto. After the hearing on Otto Trucking's motion for summary judgment, Waymo's
 lone theory for liability as to Otto Trucking is based on the alleged actions of Mr. Levandowski
 after the formation of Otto Trucking on February 1, 2016. *See* Chatterjee Decl. Ex. 2 (September
 20, 2017 Hearing Transcript), at 57:6–59:9. Waymo had originally argued that conduct occurring
 in December 2015—months before Otto Trucking's founding—could be imputed to it, but Mr.
 Levandowski could not be acting on behalf of Otto Trucking before it even existed. Defendants'
 Motion for Summary Judgment at 20, Dkt. No. 1423. Waymo responded by alleging that, based
 on one exhibit to the Stroz report indicating that Mr. Levandowski allegedly viewed some
 documents in February and March 2016, Otto Trucking could be liable, as Mr. Levandowski could
 have been acting for Otto Trucking as its managing member. *See* Chatterjee Decl. Ex. 2
 (September 20, 2017 Hearing Transcript), at 57:6–59:9. To date, Waymo has not sought to
 supplement the summary judgment record with any evidence.

25 Waymo's newest theory demonstrates that its claims against Otto Trucking are
 26 independent of Uber. Indeed, Waymo did not mention once at the September 20, 2017 hearing
 27 that Otto Trucking could be vicariously liable for the actions of Uber, nor did Waymo include in
 28 the Joint Pretrial Order any basis for Otto Trucking's vicarious liability through the actions of

1 Uber. *See* Dkt. No. 1725 (identifying only Mr. Levandowski and O'Melveny & Myers as the
2 basis for vicarious liability as to Otto Trucking).

3 **C. Waymo Has No Damages Theory as to Otto Trucking.**

4 Waymo has no basis for a damages theory against Otto Trucking, let alone based on its
5 theory that Mr. Levandowski allegedly viewed some Waymo documents in February or March of
6 2016. Waymo's damages expert, Michael Wagner, testified that though he calculated [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED]

10 [REDACTED]
11 [REDACTED]
12 [REDACTED]

13 Chatterjee Decl. Ex. 1 (Deposition Transcript of Michael J. Wagner), 127:12–15.

14 [REDACTED]
15 [REDACTED]
16 [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED]
18 [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED]

21 *Id.* at 128:14–22 (emphasis added).

22 Mr. Wagner went on to testify that [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] *See id.* at 134:6–138:3. When asked [REDACTED]
24 [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]

26 [REDACTED] *Id.* at 138:10–139:8; 141:23–142:7. Waymo has also not disclosed any damages
27 theories or evidence against Otto Trucking in its Rule 26 disclosures. *See* Chatterjee Decl. Ex. 4
28 (Waymo's Corrected Supplemental Initial Disclosures), at 19–20; *see also* Dkt. No. 924 at 4–5.

1 **D. Otto Trucking's Defenses are Different from Uber's Defenses.**

2 Otto Trucking has presented defenses in this case that are unique to it. As demonstrated in
 3 Otto Trucking's opposition to Waymo's motion for partial summary judgment, Otto Trucking has
 4 advanced an unclean hands defense based on Waymo's litigation misconduct. Dkt. No. 1525 at
 5 11–15. Uber did not allege this defense (*see id.*) and has not joined in Otto Trucking's proposed
 6 jury instruction for this defense (*see* Dkt. No. 1735 at 72).

7 Otto Trucking and Uber assert different defenses of failure to mitigate damages that hinge
 8 on different facts and triggering dates. Waymo contends that the triggering date for its claim
 9 should be the date when it inadvertently received the email from Gorilla Circuits, its vendor,
 10 showing that Uber had placed an order that Waymo contends is similar to its own intellectual
 11 property. *See* Chatterjee Decl. Ex. 2 (September 20, 2017 Hearing Transcript), at 43:18–24.
 12 However, this allegation has nothing to do with Otto Trucking, because Otto Trucking is not
 13 involved in the development of LiDAR and does not work with the vendor who had sent the
 14 email. Waymo knew the facts relating to Otto Trucking by October 2016—that Mr. Levandowski
 15 had allegedly accessed the SVN server and downloaded the entire repository and that he had
 16 allegedly reformatted his computer several days later—acts deemed unusual by Waymo. These
 17 are the same facts that Waymo alleged to be the basis of its trade secret claim. The question as to
 18 Otto Trucking, then, is whether it was reasonable for Waymo to wait until it had a basis to bring a
 19 claim against Uber when Waymo had the allegations it relied on for the complaint and preliminary
 20 injunction in its possession six months earlier.

21 **E. Otto Trucking's Witnesses Differ from Uber's Witnesses.**

22 Otto Trucking's witnesses for trial and the issues on which they would testify are different
 23 than Uber's witnesses and issues. Otto Trucking has several unique witnesses who will testify
 24 about how Otto Trucking merely holds a company that owns trucks, is not involved in the
 25 development of LiDAR, and is a separate company from Uber and Ottomotto. These witnesses
 26 include Adam Bentley and Brent Schwarz, who are not on Uber's witness list. *See* Dkt. No. 1725
 27 at App. C and D. Even the witnesses who are Waymo employees identified as witnesses for trial
 28 are different for Otto Trucking, as Otto Trucking has identified Dan McCloskey, Drew Ulrich,

1 Zachary Morris, Sam Lenius, and Luke Wachter on its list—individuals who do not appear on
 2 Uber’s list. *Id.* at App. B and D. Mr. Bentley is just a possible witness for Waymo, and Dan
 3 McCloskey, Drew Ulrich, Zachary Morris, Sam Lenius, and Luke Wachter do not appear at all on
 4 Waymo’s list. *See id.*

5 **F. Discovery Applicable to Waymo and Uber is Irrelevant for Otto Trucking,
 6 Who Has Completed Its Discovery Production.**

7 None of Waymo’s recently raised discovery concerns are relevant to Otto Trucking. *See*
 8 Dkt. No. 1651 (Otto Trucking’s opposition to Waymo’s Motion for Continuance of Trial).
 9 Regardless of any information it may glean from the Stroz investigation, Waymo has failed to set
 10 forth any evidence that any of its alleged 121 trade secrets were ever used, disclosed, or acquired
 11 by Otto Trucking. Otto Trucking does not and has never used the Uber LiDAR systems that
 12 allegedly misappropriated Waymo’s purported trade secrets. Indeed, Otto Trucking is not
 13 involved in the development of LiDAR and has only used off-the-shelf LiDAR systems developed
 14 by a third party. Dkt. No. 1423 at 16–19. Moreover, the fact that Stroz sequestered information
 15 and made it inaccessible after collecting it only strengthens Otto Trucking’s position.

16 Further, Otto Trucking was not a party to the Stroz investigation, so the production of the
 17 Stroz materials have little effect on the case as to Otto Trucking. Dkt. No. 670 at 6–7; Dkt. No.
 18 745. This may explain why as of September 25, 2017, Otto Trucking has completed discovery,
 19 whereas Waymo continues to pursue discovery against Uber and Ottomotto. *See* Chatterjee Decl.
 20 ¶ 2. Earlier in this litigation, Waymo successfully argued that Otto Trucking was not a party to the
 21 Stroz investigation and did not have standing to seek protection from its disclosure in discovery.
 22 Dkt. No. 670 at 6–7; Dkt. No. 745. As a result, Waymo is now judicially estopped from arguing
 23 that Otto Trucking is somehow tainted by what Stroz did or did not do. *Rissetto v. Plumbers &*
 24 *Steamfitters Local 343*, 94 F.3d 597, 600 (9th Cir. 1996) (“Judicial estoppel, sometimes also
 25 known as the doctrine of preclusion of inconsistent positions, precludes a party from gaining an
 26 advantage by taking one position, and then seeking a second advantage by taking an incompatible
 27 position.”).

1 **III. THE COURT SHOULD ORDER A SEPARATE TRIAL AS TO CLAIMS AGAINST**
 2 **OTTO TRUCKING**

3 A district court may order a separate trial of one or more separate issues, claims,
 4 crossclaims, counterclaims, or third-party claims for convenience, to avoid prejudice, or to
 5 expedite and economize. Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(b). However, “[c]onvenience, avoidance of
 6 *prejudice*, and what will be *conducive to expedition and economy* are all in the *alternative*. Thus,
 7 they need not all be present for separation or severance, but the presence of any one of them is
 8 sufficient to sustain an order for a separate trial in the exercise of an informed discretion.” *In re*
 9 *Paris Air Crash of Mar. 3, 1974*, 69 F.R.D. 310, 319 (C.D. Cal. 1975) (emphasis in original).
 10 When ruling on a Rule 42(b) motion, courts also factor complexity of issues, factual proof, risk of
 11 jury confusion, difference between the separated issues, and the chance that separation will lead to
 12 increased economy such as by the possibility that the first trial may dispose of the case. *Tessera,*
 13 *Inc. v. Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.*, No. C 05-04063-CW, 2013 WL 6073889, at *2 (N.D. Cal.
 14 Nov. 13, 2013). Many of these factors weigh in favor of a separate trial as to the claims against
 15 Otto Trucking.

16 **A. Separate Trials Would Conserve the Parties’ and the Court’s Resources.**

17 *First*, a separate trial would economize the parties’ time and resources, since it would
 18 “spare [Otto Trucking] . . . from participating in the trial of issues that do not relate to [it]. *Bassett*
 19 *v. City of Burbank*, No. 14CV01348SVWCWX, 2014 WL 12573410, at *5 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 5,
 20 2014). As discussed above, any overlap in Otto Trucking and Uber’s issues, witnesses, and
 21 damages is minimal at best. Otto Trucking does not and has never used the Uber LiDAR systems
 22 that allegedly misappropriated Waymo’s purported trade secrets. Thus, unlike Uber, Waymo has
 23 no theory of use as to Otto Trucking. Similarly, Otto Trucking was not a party to the Stroz
 24 investigation, so the issues surrounding the report have no effect on Otto Trucking.

25 Having the claims against Otto Trucking proceed in a separate trial will eliminate the need
 26 to present to the jury evidence that is irrelevant for Otto Trucking, and conversely, evidence that is
 27 irrelevant to Uber and Ottomotto. Separate trials will reduce the number of days required for a
 28 jury trial, and will reduce the parties’ costs and attorneys’ fees. Such considerations weigh in

1 favor of Otto Trucking proceeding in a separate trial. *See Arredondo v. Delano Farms Co.*, No.
 2 CV F 09-01247-LJO, 2012 WL 2358594, at *11–12 (E.D. Cal. June 20, 2012) (finding reduction
 3 of testimony in front of jury; reduction of trial time “since there would be half the number of
 4 defense attorneys examining witnesses”; reduction of trial time since there would be “two parties,
 5 rather than three, presenting evidence and argument”; and avoiding unnecessary subjection of
 6 “further voluminous and resource-intensive discovery and proceedings on the merits” weighed in
 7 favor of bifurcating trial).

8 *Second*, because Waymo has advanced no money damages theory as to Otto Trucking,
 9 Waymo’s claims against Otto Trucking should be tried to the Court, not to a jury. A jury trial is
 10 not appropriate where “[n]o legal issues remain[] to be tried . . .” *Anti-Monopoly, Inc. v. General*
 11 *Mills Fun Group*, 611 F.2d 296, 308 (9th Cir. 1979). Waymo’s only remaining claims are for an
 12 injunction, which should be tried to the bench. A jury need not be burdened at all with Waymo’s
 13 claims against Otto Trucking.

14 *Third*, judicial economy would be promoted by a separate trial because determination of
 15 whether Waymo’s technology is indeed a trade secret and whether Uber is liable for
 16 misappropriation of these alleged trade secrets could prove wholly dispositive, obviating a need
 17 for a trial of Waymo’s claims against Otto Trucking. The parties dispute whether Waymo’s
 18 technology constitutes trade secrets at all. Because no party can be liable for misappropriation if
 19 Waymo’s technology is not a trade secret, judicial economy would be best served by reaching this
 20 threshold issue first. *See, e.g., Fahmy v. Jay Z*, No. 207CV05715CASPJWX, 2015 WL 5680299,
 21 at *24 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 24, 2015) (finding judicial economy would be best served by bifurcating
 22 trial and first determining whether there was copyright infringement, and then assessing damages
 23 if infringement was found). Conversely, if the Court finds that Waymo’s theory that Otto
 24 Trucking improperly acquired Waymo’s alleged trade secrets is not viable, there is no need to
 25 present such evidence to a jury. Here, Waymo’s only remaining theory is that Mr. Levandowski
 26 acquired Waymo’s trade secrets some time in February or March 2016 while acting on Otto
 27 Trucking’s behalf. If the Court finds that this theory is not viable, those issues will be resolved.
 28 Thus, the Court should order that Waymo’s claims against Otto Trucking proceed in a separate

1 trial to “avoid[] a difficult question by first dealing with an easier, dispositive issue.” *Danjaq LLC*
 2 v. *Sony Corp.*, 263 F.3d 942, 961 (9th Cir. 2001) (citation omitted). In the alternative, Otto
 3 Trucking requests that the Court hold an evidentiary hearing regarding the nature of Otto
 4 Trucking’s business, and whether Waymo’s acquisition theory is viable.

5 **B. Separate Trials Would Reduce Risk of Confusion to the Jury and Prejudice to**
Otto Trucking.

7 A separate trial for Otto Trucking would reduce the risk of jury confusion. This case
 8 involves facts and timelines that are distinct between Otto Trucking and Uber. In turn, not only
 9 will Waymo need to present differing evidence for both Uber and Otto Trucking, but Otto
 10 Trucking and Uber will have to put on distinct evidence in their defense as well. The similarity of
 11 Otto Trucking and Ottomotto’s names alone could create jury confusion. When added to
 12 complex technical and trade secret issues, a litany of witnesses, and evidence that varies in
 13 relevance and applicability, it becomes readily apparent that a juror would have difficulty keeping
 14 the parties and facts in this case straight. Where, as here, a case turns on distinct facts, differing
 15 witnesses, and individualized questions, a separate trial is appropriate. *See, e.g., Bates v. United*
 16 *Parcel Serv.*, 204 F.R.D. 440, 449 (N.D. Cal. 2001) (finding bifurcation of trial would be
 17 “practical, convenient, and efficient” where damages involved “individualized questions” that
 18 would require the plaintiffs to present “different types of evidence”).

19 Related to the risk of jury confusion is the prejudice that may result for Otto Trucking if all
 20 of Waymo’s claims proceed in a single trial. Even if the jury is given a limiting instruction as to
 21 the admissibility of evidence for Otto Trucking versus Uber, the introduction of the evidence in
 22 the first instance may cause unfair prejudice to Otto Trucking due to jury confusion that could be
 23 avoided by a separate trial. *See SEC v. Prevett*, No. C-01-21069-JW, 2003 WL 25686538, at *2
 24 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 17, 2003) (finding that separate trials would be necessary to avoid undue
 25 prejudice where not all of the evidence and testimony that would be admissible as to the one co-
 26 defendant would also be admissible against the two remaining defendants). In addition, no
 27 prejudice would result to Waymo in ordering a separate trial, as Waymo has already admitted that
 28 it does not have a theory of damages against Otto Trucking. Any concerns over delay would be

1 because Otto Trucking requests that the claims proceed separately but on the current case
2 schedule.

3 The Court should therefore exercise its discretion and grant a separate bench trial for Otto
4 Trucking. *See Jinro Am. Inc. v. Secure Investments, Inc.*, 266 F.3d 993, 998 (9th Cir.), *opinion*
5 *amended on denial of reh'g*, 272 F.3d 1289 (9th Cir. 2001) (“Under Rule 42(b), the district court
6 has broad discretion to bifurcate a trial to permit deferral of costly and possibly unnecessary
7 proceedings pending resolution of potentially dispositive preliminary issues.”).

8 **IV. CONCLUSION**

9 For the foregoing reasons, Otto Trucking requests that the Court order a separate trial as to
10 Waymo’s claims against Otto Trucking on the current case schedule. In the alternative, Otto
11 Trucking respectfully requests that the Court conduct an evidentiary hearing regarding Otto
12 Trucking’s business and the viability of Waymo’s acquisition theory of trade secret
13 misappropriation.

14 Dated: September 26, 2017

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing document including all of its
3 attachments with the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court for the Northern
4 District of California by using the CM/ECF system on **September 26, 2017**. I further certify
5 that all participants in the case are registered CM/ECF users and that service of the publicly filed
6 documents will be accomplished by the CM/ECF system.

7 I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on
8 **September 26, 2017**.

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